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Possible Use of the Laser Ablation Induced Coupled-Atomic Emission Spectrometer

Ralph Lightner, Director, Office of Southwestern Programs, EM-45, HQ

This memorandum is in reference to your January 5, 1993, telefax of the November 20, 1992, memorandum from David Mathes to A. Chernoff. The subject memorandum concerned possible EM-40 use of the laser ablation induced coupled-atomic emission spectrometer (ICP-AES) that has been developed by the Ames Laboratory. The Rocky Flats environmental restoration program is extremely interested in this technology which we feel could be used immediately in our remedial investigations and other activities at Rocky Flats. As you are aware, we have surface and subsurface plutonium, americium, and uranium contamination that we need "real-time" analysis capability.

Because of our need for such technology, we would be interested in being the location of a field demonstration/evaluation of the ICP-AES as offered in the November 20, 1992 memorandum.

If the option of a field demonstration/evaluation is past, we encourage the continued development of the ICP-AES technology and are interested in receiving additional information.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Scott Grace of my staff at 966-7199.

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